

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 06, 2007**  
**9:30 A.M. COMMISSION MEETING**  
**COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Lance Olson, Commissioner Peggy Beltrone present, Commissioner Joe Briggs excused. Clayton M. Braden, Steve Grubs, Dan O’Fallon, Karl Puckett, Luella Vogel, Dave Sutton, Rina Moore, Theresa Diekhans, Steve Erwin, Audrey Finlayson, Gary Nowell, Bob Stubbs, Brain Clifton, Sheriff Castle, Jackie O’Fallon and Marie Sickels.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Lance Olson called the meeting to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PURCHASE ORDERS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANTS**

Commissioner Beltrone made a **MOTION** to approve the purchase orders and accounts payable warrants. The Board of County Commissioners has approved the purchase orders and accounts payable warrants #152786 through #152940 totaling \$231,837.41 and #152941 through #153187 totaling \$568,699.88 dated 01-19-07 thru 01-25-07.

**Motion carries 2-0**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Beltrone to approve the consent agenda; minutes, minute entries, and approval of routine contracts as follows:

◆ **Resolution 07-09 Budget Modification with Sheriffs Department to realign budget authority**

◆ **Monte Cooper, D.D.S Employment Contract with Health Department in the amount of \$3, 253.73 per two-week pay period**

◆ **Quest Diagnostic Agreement for clinical testing services with Community Health Care Center in the amount of \$75,000**

Chairman Olson opened the Consent Agenda up for comments.

Clayton M. Braden then questioned if dentist Monte Cooper was full time or part time at the Health Department. Luella Vogel from the Health Department stated that he works Monday through Thursday and is the only dentist that is part time.

**Motion carries 2-0**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1**

**MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE CASCADE COUNTY SHERIFF’S  
WORK POLICY PROGRAM**

Commissioner Beltrone made a **MOTION** to approve the Cascade County Sheriff's work policy program.

Sheriff Castle presented this work program by stating that it represents progress in the Criminal Justice System. The only participants will be non-violent offenders, and it would save money by having them not be incarcerated and instead would be reporting to the jail daily. There was more discussion on the price of incarcerating inmates vs. the program. Both Commissioners spoke in support of this program, and thanked Sheriff Castle and his employees for attending this meeting.

**Motion carries 2-0**

### **DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Commissioner Beltrone reported that Federal Relations and Energy Committee of the Legislature has passed the Resolution to have Malstrom Air Force Base to pay the damages at Whitmore Ravine, which will go to the Senate. She stated that the Pentagon would be visiting sometime in February to address this issue. She also commended Jill Lorang and others whom did a fine job presenting this issue.

Sheriff Castle thanked the Commission for their support in the Bozeman meeting. He also announced that in a recent jail evaluation they received great reviews.

Brian Clifton announced that they have an open position on the Planning Board, which meets every third Tuesday of the month. It was also stated that the candidate must reside outside the city limits in Cascade County.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Clayton M. Braden had some concerns about Benefis and their operations, increasing taxes and assessment values, and unpaid protested taxes by PPL. He mentioned the decay ordinance not including humans, and gave an address of 308 27<sup>th</sup> Street NW, which is in violation of the Community Decay Ordinance.

Chairman Olson encouraged Mr. Braden to get to the point. Mr. Braden then stated that the Commission was not enforcing the laws but expecting the public to.

Bob Stubbs Chairman for Neighborhood Council 4 then approached the Commission thanking them and Theresa Diekhans for all their help in the cleanup of the Home Place. He also mentioned that the noxious weeds are still being worked on. Both Commissioners thanked him and the Neighborhood Council 4 for following the proper procedures to clean this area up.

Audrey Finlayson approached the Commission representing RSVP. She stated that they have just received a grant to purchase 300 radon kits, which have been dispersed throughout Cascade County. There was further discussion concerning radon and the risks involved.

Ms. Finlayson also announced an upcoming painless Bone Marrow Drive that would be February 14, at the Great Falls Specialty Clinic, and encouraged everyone to participate. Lastly, she introduced a new Vista Volunteer Gary Nowell who will be working with the At-Risk Youth Program. **Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.**

